

Elk Knob STATE PARK



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Fun Facts

- The park was established in 2003
- Elk Knob was considered for a housing development in the early 2000s, before becoming a state park
- Trees growing on the northern slopes and summit of Elk Knob are gnarled and stunted by harsh weather
- Surrounded by several historic mountain communities such as the Winebarger Grist Mill located in Meat Camp
- Protects the headwaters of the North Fork of the New River, one of the oldest rivers in the world
- Elk Knob is an amphibolite mountain—a mix of amphibole, hornblende and plagioclase feldspar
- Amphibolite weathers down to produce rich soils that provide an excellent habitat for hardwoods and rare endangered plants
- Is a part of the Appalachian Mountains

Activities



Elk Knob State Park is located in the northwestern part of North Carolina, north of the town of Boone, near the Tennessee border. It is one of the newest parks and was created to protect the mountain and the headwaters of the North Fork of the New River.

Experience the Park!

Elk Knob is the only park that offers cross country skiing



Elk Knob is one of the tallest peaks in North Carolina's high country at 5,520 feet.



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- Golden winged warbler
- Bobcat
- Wild turkey
- White-tailed deer
- Raven
- Black bear



Rare and Endangered Plants

- Gray's lily
- Trailing wolfsbane
- Large purple fringed orchid
- Spreading avens



Named for elk that grazed the valleys below, the last of which is believed to have been killed in the late 1700s

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